

On motion of Mr. Henderson, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by two third vote.

Senate's bill, to amend an act, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 8, 1860, taken up read first time and passed to second time.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, rule was further suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

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Senate's bill providing what shall be *prima facie* evidence in certain cases in suit, brought in the courts of the State of Texas, taken up read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Senate's bill to attach the county of Wilson to the 18th Judicial District, and to amend the act entitled an act to provide for time of holding the courts in the several counties, in the 18th Judicial District, approved Feb. 11, 1860, taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Wælder laid on the table.

Report from committee on Stock and Stock Raising, recommending the passage of the bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate estrays, with amendments by the committee was taken up, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Nelson moved to amend by adding, section three.

Mr. Mills moved that if the Convention did not meet, the Hall was to be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Carter, to deliver an address this evening at 7 o'clock. Carried.

On motion the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow, pending Mr. Nelson's amendment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Tuesday, Jan., 29th, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Lewis of M., presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county. Referred to committee on Federal Relations.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed the joint resolution, concerning the Convention of the people, called in pursuant of the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improve-

ments, reported recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company, and to the acts amendatory of, any supplemental thereto, with the following amendment by the committee :

" Provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent said company from running said road through the city of Houston, or commencing in said city, if the said company deem it proper to do so," and recommend its passage."

On motion of Mr. Hartley, rule suspended, report taken up, bill read second time, amendment by the committee adopted, bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hartley, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-third vote.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of Senate's bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company.

Mr. Henderson moved to suspend rule and take up the report. Lost.

Mr. Armstrong offered the following resolution, directory to committee on Retrenchment and Reform :

Resolved, That the committee on Retrenchment and Reform, be instructed to enquire,

1. What public officers, if any, in the State, can be disposed of.

2. To report a bill reducing the fees of all the officers in the State, to correspond with the present hard times.

Adopted by the following vote :

Mr. Davis of H., calling for the yeas and nays.

YEAS.—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Barclay, Baxter, Caddell, Crooks,, Clark, Darnell, Daniels, Davis of B., Dennis, Dickson, Epperson, Francis, Foscue, Harrison of C., Hartley, Hubbard, Lewis of M, Lewter, Morris, McKnight, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parker, Perry, Redgate Redwine, Ross, Shelton, Smith, Taylor, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Whitmore and Wrede—38.

NAYS —Messrs. Benevides, Branch, Bryan, Camp, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Davis of H., Duncan, Flewellen, Franklin, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Houghton, Hubert, Lewis, of R., Lynch, Mabry, Maverick, Maxey, McCutcheon, Mills, Mundine, Munson, Navarro, Pirkey, Robinson, Rose, Speights, Wælder and Walworth—33.

Mr. Dennis, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported recommending the passage of the bill, to prescribe the order in which causes shall be determined in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of committee on Finance reported as follows :

The committee on Finance to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of receiving Treasury warrants in payment of public dues, and an act for the relief of purchasers of Seminary lands, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report to the House the accompanying bill as a substitute and recommended its passage.

On the motion of Mr. Parker, the rule was suspended and the bill to re-organize the 16th Judicial District, and define times of holding courts therein, was taken up and read third time.

Mr. Shannon proposed to amend by striking out " Van Zandt county." Lost and the bill passed.

Mr. Branch introduced a bill to fix the times for holding courts in the 7th Judicial District. Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Mill's resolution, calling on the Governor for information relative to Capt. Hamner's Ranger company, taken up and adopted.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, relative to the secession Ordinance of Alabama Convention.

Also, on the Union resolutions of citizens of Montgomery county, was taken up and adopted.

The Senate's joint resolution concerning coercion, was taken up, read first time and passed to second reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was suspended, resolution read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

Mr. Mills calling for the yeas and nays.

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Armstrong, Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Bogart, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Dougerhty, Duncan, Epperson, Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Henderson, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Maverick, Maxey, Morris, McCutcheon, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redgate, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Taylor, Wælder, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Whitmore and Wrede—69.

Mr. Hubbard introduced a bill prescribing police regulations in respect to slaves. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the rule was suspended and bill read.

Mr. Davis of B., offered the following amendment :

"Nor shall it be lawful for slaves to assemble for worship at any place or church, unless at least three or more slave owners shall also attend said assemblage of worship."

Mr. Cumby moved to lay the amendment on the table. Lost.

Mr. Henry proposed to amend the amendment as follows :

For "slave owners," insert, "citizens." Lost.

Mr. Lewis of R., offered the following substitute :

"That it shall be unlawful for slaves to assemble for religious worship, unless some responsible citizens shall conduct the services."

[Mr. Mills in the Chair.]

Mr. Lewis of R., withdrew his substitute and offered it as an amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Davis of B., moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table.

Mr. Henderson moved to lay the amendment to the amendment and the amendment on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis of B., a division of the question was ordered, and the amendment to the amendment laid on the table and the amendment laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Flewellen, the previous question was ordered and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

[Speaker resumed the Chair.]

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the rule was suspended, and the Senate's bill for the relief of the Texas Central Railroad, Company, was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Mills offered the following amendment :

"*Provided*, said Railroad company shall by the first day of July, 1861, have said road actually surveyed, run and staked from its present terminus in Brazos county, to the town of Preston in Grayson county, Texas.

Message was received from the Senate, informing the House, that the Senate had passed a bill to provide payment of the expences incurred by special bearer of dispatches, sent by the Governor to Washington city; and had passed the House's bill to re-organize the 18th Judicial District, and regulate times of holding courts therein.

Also, had passed two substitutes for the House's bill, directing how the proceeds of the sale of the University lands now in the Treasury shall be applied.

The question recurring on Mr. Mills' amendment to the bill for relief of Texas Central Railroad Company.

Mr. Mills called for the yeas and nays, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote ;

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Baxter, Bogart, Branch, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Culberson, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Ellett, Franklin, Foscue, Harrison of V. Z., Houghton, Lewis of M., Lewter, Maverick, Maxey, McCutcheon, Mills, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redgate, Robinson, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Tavior, Walworth,, Warfield and Waterhouse—43.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Barclay, Benevides, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Clark, Cumby, Dickson, Epperson, Flewellen, Francis, Hall, Harrison of C., Hartley, Haynes, Henry, Hubbard, Lewis of R., Lynch, Mabry, McKnight, Middleton, Norton, Owens, Redwine, Ross, Rose, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Whitfield and Whitmore—33.

Mr. Lewis of R., proposed to amend as follows :

"Provided, this act is passed upon the express condition that the said Railroad Company, shall connect their railroad with the Galveston, Houston and Henderson railroad at and in the city of Houston."

Mr. Henderson, moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table.

Mr. Dennis called for a division of the question, and the amendment was laid on the table.

The House then refused to table the bill, and the bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-third vote.

Mr. Buckley, by permission, introduced a bill to amend the 10th section of an act supplementary to an act, supplementary and amendatory of the act to regulate railroad companies, approved Feb., 7, 1853, approved Dec., 18, 1857, approved Feb., 8, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Internal Improvements

The bill supplementary to the act regulating estrays, with the amendments of Mr. Nelson, pending when the House adjourned, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Dale, the amendment was laid on table.

Mr. Armstrong proposed to amend by additional sections Lost, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Davis of H., the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The two substitutes by the Senate for the House's bill directing how the proceeds of the sale of the University lands now in the Treasury shall be applied, was taken up, read first time.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the substitute directing how certain funds now in the Treasury shall be applied, was taken up, read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the substitute making an appropriation to pay for supplies furnished the troops now on the frontier, was read second time and referred to committee on Finance.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, Jan., 30th, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled and properly signed, a bill directing how certain funds now in the Treasury shall be applied, and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his signature and approval.

Mr. Armstrong, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of a bill to attach the unorganized counties of Wichita, Walbarger, Hardeman and Green to the county of Clay, so as to form one land district, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Crawford introduced a bill to reduce the price of public lands. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee of State Affairs, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to encourage the establishment of manufactories in the State of Texas.

Mr. Flewellen introduced a bill providing for the government of slaves. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Slaves and Slavery.

Mr. Darnell presented the petition of Sarah H. Cockrell. Referred to committee on Internal Improvements.